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For: PECTATE LYASES, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THEM AND METHODS
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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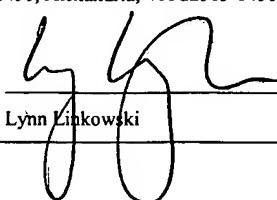
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 37 of this paper.

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